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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner stated the following:

Smith et al. (U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2002/0071336), Ronay (U.S. Pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2005/0042976), and Rodgers et al. (WO 01/26871) represent the closest prior art. However the combination of these references does not render obvious a mixing drum with a wall made up of first and second helical elements joined at a seam, with a first and second ramps formed in the interior of the drum and adjacent to the seam, wherein the interior of the drum is coated with a polymer containing polyurethane, which is infused with a slip agent that is either polytetrafluoroethylene powder or a polyalpha olefin liquid at 2 wt.% to 5wt.% of the polymer.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to set forth additional and/or alternative reasons for patentability and/or allowance in connection with the present Application or in any other future proceeding.

REMARKS

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated December 30, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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